GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Tribal Welfare Department –Health & Nutrition– Improving Nutritional status of ST households –Implementation of new scheme of "Food Basket" for the ST households residing in the Scheduled&TSP mandals of the ITDAs of Seethampeta (Srikakulam district), Parvathipuram (Vizianagaram district), Paderu (Visakhapatnam district), Rampachodavaram&Chintoor (East Godavari district),KR Puram(West Godavari district) &Srisailam (Kurnool/Guntur/Prakasam districts)– Orders– Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (TW-BUD) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 5 Dated: 14-01-2019

Read the following:-

1. Minutes of 5th meeting of "State Council for Development of SCs & STs" held on 22.03.2018.
2. Minutes of 20th meeting of Nodal Agency for SCC & STC, held on 22.06.2018.
3. From the DTW, Lr. Rc.No.SOW03-21021(32)/1/2018-G Sec-COTW, dated 13.09.2018.

ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has enacted the SCSP/TSP (Planning, Allocation and Utilization of Financial Resources) Act (Act 1 of 2013), which came into effect from January 24th, 2013. The purpose of SCSP/ TSP Act is to ensure the accelerated development of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), with special emphasis on achieving overall quality of life, duly focusing upon health &nutrition, education, livelihoods and other human development indices of the STs.

2. In any society, the parameters relating to Health and Nutrition of its members are of the most significance, since they perform a key role in determining the overall quality of life. The Vision 2029 framework of the Government of Andhra Pradesh also emphasizes the need to *"build a healthy society by developing a sustainable ecosystem to universalize quality health and nutritional services that is accountable, effective, efficient and equitable and technologically appropriate."*

3. In the context of the Tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh, especially the Scheduled and TSP mandals of the (7) ITDAs of Seethampeta (Srikakulam district), Parvathipuram (Vizianagaram district), Paderu (Visakhapatnam district), Rampachodavaram&Chintoor (East Godavari district),KR Puram (West Godavari district) & Srisailam (Kurnool/ Guntur/Prakasam districts), the issues relating to nutrition gain sharper focus in view of the prevailing relatively lower standards of nutrition, due to legacy factors of geographical remoteness, limited access to public services, higher poverty, poor dietary practices, lack of awareness, etc.

4. In recent years, due to better connectivity &PDS penetration, establishment of Anganwadis, new schemes like Anna Amrutham Hastham, etc., the situation has improved. For better targeting of the interventions to improve nutrition among the vulnerable categories of ST mothers'&children below (5) years, Government have launched the schemes of "Giri Goru Muddalu" in the year 2016 and "Bala Amrutham" in the year 2018, under the Scheduled Tribe Component.

5. The Government is conscious that the problem of low nutritional standards, in the tribal areas, continues to be an important area of concern, &that in view of its multi-dimensional impact, the problem needs to be addressed on a high priority basis. Further, it is now appreciated that improvement of the nutritional standards, requires a broader approach, which addresses the gap in nutritional standards amongst the tribal populace in general, instead of only among the tribal mothers and children, as has been done hitherto.

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6. Keeping in view the above, the State Council for the Development of SCs and STs, Chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in its meeting held on 22/03/2018, has instructed the Tribal Welfare Department to design a scheme to meet the identified gaps in the nutritional needs of the Tribal community.

7. Accordingly, multiple stakeholder meetings were held by the Director of Tribal Welfare with the concerned Departments &experts, including the experts from NIN, Hyderabad to identify the key gaps &the most appropriate intervention. Basing on the inputs received, the delivery on a monthly basis to the targeted S.T. households, through the existing PDS system, of a basket of commodities, which bridges the nutritional gaps as identified in findings of National Nutritional Monitoring Bureau Report (NNMB Technical Report 25, NIN), was found to be most appropriate &feasible for implementation.

8. After further stakeholder consultation, the commodities to constitute the proposed "Food Basket"&their monthly quantities were finalized. The (6) identified commodities bridge the nutritional gap amongst the ST population of Andhra Pradesh, as against the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA), as detailed in the table hereunder:

TABLE 8.1

Sl. No.	Item	Energy (k.cal)	Protein (gram)	Calcium (mg)	Iron (mg)	Vitamin-A (µg)	Thiamine (mg)	Riboflavin (mg)	Vitamin.C (mg)	Niacin (mg)	Free folic acid(µg)
1	House Hold Average	2002	48.5	311	9.6	198	0.7	0.6	34	11.3	80
2	RDA 2010	2320	60	600	17	600	1.2	1.4	40	16	200
3	Gap to RDA	-318	-11.5	-289	-7.4	-402	-0.5	-0.8	-6	-4.7	-120
4	**GAP met though Food Basket**	248.75	6.95	86.04	10.46	1.94	0.19	0.05	0	1.51	32.55
5	GAP still leftover	-69.25	-4.55	-202.96	3.06	-400.06	-0.31	-0.75	-6	-3.19	-87.45

9. The planned intervention of providing a Food Basket, comprising (6) commodities, significantly addresses the prevailing gaps in almost all key nutritional parameters. The left-over gaps are mainly in respect of micro-nutrients &planned to be addressed by improving awareness regarding higher intake of fruits &vegetables, by promoting nutri-gardens/backyard poultry/pisciculture, etc. among the target group.

10. The Nodal Agency for STC, in its 20th meeting held on 22.06.2018, considered &approved the proposal for implementation of the "Food Basket" scheme, at a cost of Rs.500/-per Food Basket to 2,00,668 ST families residing in the Scheduled&TSP mandals, including Chenchus of ITDA, Srisailam Project, with an estimated cost of Rs.120.40 crores, through the Civil Supplies Department & meeting the expenditure under HoA "Food Basket Scheme" "2225-02-282-11-10-310/312" of Tribal Welfare Department, under which an amount of Rs.40 crores is provided in B.E.2018-19.

11. Accordingly, the Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada, in the reference 3rd read above, has submitted a proposal to the Government, for the implementation of the Food Basket scheme, with a request to issue the orders for implementation.

12. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby issue the following orders for implementation of the scheme:

(i) *Name of the Scheme*: "Food Basket"
(ii) *Budget*: Rs 40.00 crores in F.Y. 2018-19 under HoA "Food Basket Scheme" "2225-02-282-11-10-310/312"of TWD.

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(iii) *Commodities included in the Food Basket*:

TABLE 12.1

Sl. No.	Commodity	Proposed quantity per Food Basket per month
1	RAGI POWDER	2 Kgs
2	REDGRAMDAL	2 Kgs
3	SUN FLOWER OIL	1 Litre
4	GROUNDNUT	1 Kg
5	DOUBLE FORTIFIED SALT(DFS) (IODINE + IRON)	1 Kg
6	JAGGERY	1 Kg
(All the above commodities will be provided in a woven bag)		

(iv) *Nutritional support provided by Food Basket(4 person per Family per Month):*

TABLE 12.2

Sl No	Items	Energy (K.Cal.)	Protein (gram)	Calcium (mg)	Iron (mg)	Vitamin-A (µg)	Thiamine (mg)	Riboflavin (mg)	Vitamin .C (mg)	Niacin (mg)	Free folic acid(µg)
1	Ragi Powder(2 kgs)	53.5	1.2	60.66	0.78	0.02	0.06	0.02	0	0.22	5.78
2	Redgram Dal (2 kgs)	55.16	3.62	11.96	0.66	1.76	0.08	0.02	0	0.34	18
3	Sunflower Oil(1 ltr)	67.26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Groundnut (1 kg)	43.33	1.97	4.5	0.29	0.16	0.05	0.01	0	0.95	7.57
5	DFS Salt (1kg)	0	0	0	8.33	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Jaggery(1 kg)	29.5	0.16	8.92	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	1.2
7	TOTAL	248.75	6.95	86.04	10.46	1.94	0.19	0.05	0	1.51	32.55

(v) Target Group: All ST households, having White Ration Cards, residing in the Scheduled &TSP mandals of (7) ITDAs, as detailed below:-

TABLE 12.3

Sl.No	Name of the ITDA	No. of Mandals			White Ration Cards
		Scheduled	TSP	Total	
1	Seethampeta	1	19	20	47,150
2	Parvathipuram	7	0	7	19,812
3	Paderu	11	6	17	43,846
4	Rampachodavaram	7	4	11	31,781
5	Chintoor	4	0	4	6,486
6	K.R.Puram	5	3	8	31,196
7	Srisailam	0	9	9	20,397
	TOTAL	35	41	76	2,00,668

(vi) Average cost of Food Basket: Rs.500/-per Food Basket per Month.

(vii) Average Annual cost of Food Basket: Rs.120,40,08,000/-

(viii) Awareness & Capacity building: (3) % of budget, under the scheme, is permitted to be utilized for implementation ofmeasures for creating awareness among the beneficiaries about their entitlements, capacity building of the stakeholders, IT enablement of the scheme, evaluation studies, grievance redressal mechanism, measures to ensure transparency, including social audit, etc.

(ix) Procurement& Supply Procedure:

a) Commodities comprising the Food Basket shall be procured by AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., adopting a transparent & competitive procedure.

b) Commodities procured & supplied shall be of good quality, meeting FSSAI &the prescribed quality norms of the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

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c) All the (6) commodities shall be supplied to the beneficiaries, packed in a woven bag, with material &design approved by Tribal Welfare Department.
d) The required number of Food Baskets shall be positioned by the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., at the concerned Mandal Level Stock(MLS) points, for delivery along with the regular monthly PDS stock.
e) The Food Baskets shall be transported from the MLS points onwards, by the Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC), for delivery through its network of DR Depots and through the FP shops located in the ITDAs.
f) The funds required for the implementation of the Food Basket scheme, shall be transferred by the Director of Tribal Welfare to the P.D. Account of the VC& MD, AP State Civil Supplies Corporation, on a quarterly basis.
g) The VC & MD Civil Supplies Corporation, shall furnish the Statement of Expenditure (SoE), regarding actual cost of procurement of commodities &supply of Food Baskets to the Director of Tribal Welfare, on a monthly basis.

13. For effective monitoring &implementation of the scheme, Government hereby constitutes the following Committees at State level & the District level.

A. State Level Committee

Director of Tribal Welfare	---	Member-Convener
VC & MD, APSCSCLtd.	---	Member
VC & MD, GCC	---	Member
Director of Civil Supplies	---	Member
Representative nominated by Director, NIN, Hyderabad.	---	Member
Invitees from other technical/expert agencies, NGOs, etc.	---	Member/s

The State Level Committee shall (a)meet at least once in every quarter & more often, as required (b) review &ensure effective implementation of the scheme(c) suggest modifications required, if any (d) hold review with District Monitoring Committees &resolve the issues/bottlenecks identified.

B. District Level Committees for ITDAs, except Srisailam:

District Collector	---	Chairperson
PO, ITDA	---	Member-Convener
Sub Collector/ RDO	---	Member/s
District Supply Officer	---	Member
DM, GCC	---	Member

C. District Level Committee for ITDA, Srisailam Project Area

Joint Collector of respective districts	---	Chairperson
Project Officer, ITDA, Srisailam	---	Member-Convener
DTWOs of concerned districts	---	Members
District Supply Officer	---	Member
DM, GCC	---	Member

The District Level Committees shall (a)meet once in every month & more frequently, if required (b) ensure proper implementation of the scheme, including verification at field level (c) implement decisions taken by the State Level Committee from time to time(d) bring operational issues to the notice of the State Level Committee (e) involve Local Body members, VTDAs, SHGs, Saadhikara Mitras, Civil Society members, etc. in creating awareness about the entitlements.

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14. The expenditure for the implementation of the scheme shall be met from the following head of account:-

2225	-	Welfare of SC, ST, Other Backward Classes and Minorities.
02	-	Welfare of Scheduled Tribes.
282	-	Public Health.
11	-	State Development Schemes.
10	-	Food Basket Scheme.

15. The Director of Tribal Welfare, the Director of Civil Supplies, the Managing Director of AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (APSCSCL), the Vice-Chairman& Managing Director of Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC), all District Collectors,& all Project Officers of ITDAs shall take necessary action accordingly& ensure the effective implementation of the "Food Basket" scheme.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.S.RAWAT
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada, AP.
The Director, Civil Supplies, Gollapudi, AP
The Vice-Chairman &Managing Director, APSCSC Ltd., Vijayawada.
The Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, GCC, Visakhapatnam.
The Director of National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.
All District Collectors in the State.
All Sub Collectors/RDOs in the State.
All District Supply Officers in the State.
All Project Officers of ITDA in the State.
All DTWOs in the State.
All DM, GCC in the State.

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The Spl. Chief Secretary, Health & FW Department, AP Secretariat, Amaravati
The Principal Secretary, WD & CW Department, AP Secretariat
The Commissioner, Family Welfare.
The Commissioner, WD & CW.
The CEO, APCFMS, Ibrahimpatnam.
The Accounts Officer, O/o DTW, AP.
All Joint Collectors of the State.
PS to Principal Secretary, Finance Department.
PS to Principal Secretary, SW & TW.
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